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For : PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING DEWATERING

IN A WET SECTION OF A PAPER MACHINE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of December 2, 2003, the instant response being submitted within two months of the date of final rejection, i.e., by February 2, 2004, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks.

<u>REMARKS</u>

Summary of the Amendment

Upon consideration of the instant response, claims 1 - 49 currently remain pending. However, claims 34 - 49, directed to the non-elected invention, have been withdrawn from further consideration. Accordingly, only claims 1 - 33 are currently under consideration by